

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the **October Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin**. With the new school year now in full swing, we hope you have been able to make a return to some old routines! **At the end of last week we official said goodbye to Amy, who recently started a full time Masters in Edinburgh in outdoor learning and sustainable development. We wish her the very best of luck!**

[We are currently recruiting for a project officer in Environmental Education – the deadline is Monday 4 October 2021.](#)



The end of last month saw one of our biggest events ever, the Great Big Green Week! As you likely have heard, we ran several events between 20-24 September. Our film festival was a huge success, with 74 tickets booked for The Lorax – the largest numbers that Phoenix Cinema have seen since coming out of lockdown! To top off the week, we had our climate march and plastic free picnic which went without a hitch and created a LOT of noise. You may have seen parts of the march on local [ITV](#) or [BBC news](#) broadcasts, along with the drone images (pictured) that captured the spirit of the whole week. And that's not to mention all the fantastic activities that took place in schools with our £100 mini-grants – a big hand goes out to all of you that participated and got your local communities involved. **Why not take a look at our [YouTube playlist](#) for all the media coverage.**

Also, don't forget that one of the most important events of the last five years is coming up right at the end of this month – COP26! Global world leaders will be coming together in Glasgow to discuss how their countries will combat climate change going into the future, and it may be our last chance to turn it all around. Keep an eye out for future communications about the events we are holding around the conference.

Upcoming events and competitions:

- World Teacher Day – Tuesday 5 October
- [Carbon Literacy Training – virtual, Monday 4 October, 4:30-6:30pm](#) (postponed until after Christmas)
- [#EcoTeachMeet – Thursday 7 October, 4:30-6:00pm](#) at St Paul's Schools, Leicester
- Healthy Schools Network Champion's Conference – virtual, 9:00am-12:00pm
- COP26 – Sunday 31 October to Friday 12 November

Do take care and always, if you need any help or support email or contact us.

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[Catch up on our Great Big Green Week](#)

[Celebrations on YouTube](#)

If you didn't have chance to watch our events live on Teams, they are now available on our YouTube channel to watch and share.

- [Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration](#) (40 minutes)
- [Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots Letter to the Future competition](#) winners announced (14 minutes)
- [Climate march and picnic](#), including spelling out [GREEN WEEK](#) (various clips)



[Eco-Schools/COP26 Roadshow](#)

Following the cancellation of our roadshow last academic year, we are pleased to confirm we will be hosting a series of mini-conferences in the autumn 2021 term to coincide with the COP26 Conference taking place in Glasgow – book now to avoid disappointment! The dates are:

- Tuesday 2 November 2021 - Beaumont Leys School
- Wednesday 3 November 2021 - The City of Leicester College
- Thursday 4 November 2021 - Orchard Mead Academy
- Friday 5 November 2021 - St Paul's Catholic School
- Monday 8 November 2021 - Rushey Mead Academy
- Tuesday 9 November 2021 - Moat College
- Wednesday 10 November 2021 - Castle Mead Academy
- Thursday 11 November 2021 - Soar Valley College


This free event is **open to all registered Eco-Schools in Leicester**. Schools are invited to bring up to around 15 students to attend. Further details will be provided on booking. To book your school place please complete the [eForm](#), deadline is Friday 15 October 2021.

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Each event will run from approx. 9.15am-12.30pm and will consist of a carousel of 3 interactive and informative workshops, based on the Eco-Schools/COP26 themes



Why attend?

- Gain a greater understanding of COP26 and Eco-Schools topics
- Develop new campaigns and identify ways of promoting sustainability in school
- Opportunity to network with other schools and learn about their environmental projects
- Find out about local and national projects and how to get involved

This free event is open to all registered Eco-Schools in Leicester, Primary or Secondary. Schools are invited to bring up to around 15 students to attend. Further details will be provided on booking.

To book your school place please complete the [eForm](#) or email Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk for more information

[Great Big Green Week News Day](#)

In case you missed any of the action, we held a Great Big Green Week News Day on our Facebook page, brought to you by Documentary Media Centre! Hollie was there to talk about the highlights of many of the events including the Secondary Schools Conference, climate march, and the Letter to the Future competition in conjunction with Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots.

We also heard from pupils of all ages across schools that held an event with their mini-grants. We get to the heart of the issues that matter, and how the opportunity offered to each school was explored in a multitude of ways.

To view the recordings of each part of the News Day, visit [the videos section of our Facebook page!](#)



[Bring COP26 into the Classroom](#)

With the COP26 Climate Conference getting closer, we wanted to let you know about the Transform Our World resources they have available for you to bring COP into the classroom - explore the COP26 schools pack and other resources on their site.

The resource has been developed by Twinkl, The Climate Coalition, Transform Our World, Let's Go Zero 2030 and Fairtrade Foundation to name just a few contributors.

[Plastic Free Schools x TeeMill competition](#)

Surfers Against Sewage, who run the Plastic Free Schools Programme, are delighted to announce that this year they will be running a competition in partnership with TeeMill. To enter, pupils need to design a t-shirt based on one of the following themes:

1. Ocean & Climate
2. Water Quality
3. Plastic Pollution
4. Ocean Recovery

The winning t-shirt design will be advertised and sold exclusively on their TeeMill Store to help raise funds for Surfers Against Sewage. The winning pupil from each category will also receive a t-shirt with their printed design. To find out more about the competition and how to enter, please visit [the competition webpage](#).



[STEM Resource – The Road to Zero Hunger](#)

The Road to Zero Hunger is an exciting NEW STEM resource for pupils aged 8-14 years. It enables teachers to engage their pupils in Action Against Stunting, a real-life research project that is tackling the causes of stunted development in children in India, Indonesia, and Senegal.

FREE to download Teacher's guide, Power Point and Pupil activity sheets include:

- A role play activity simulating a meeting between farmers, parents and researchers across the countries involved in the project
- science and design and making activities that help farmers get their produce along the road to local markets
- an opportunity for students to gain a British Science Association CREST Discovery Award.

You can download the resources on the [Action Against Stunting Day website](#).



[How to organise a STEM Day with CREST](#)

[Awards](#)

Join STEM NOW & Pana from the CREST Awards Team at the British Science Association to find out how you can organise a day long STEM project for a STEM club, a class or a whole year group! The free masterclass is taking place on Wednesday 6th October from 4:00 – 5.00pm.

CREST Discovery Awards offer an introduction to real project work and give students the freedom to run their own investigations. They can be completed in one day, with students working together in self-managed groups.

At the workshop they will be covering planning for the day, facilitating student reflection on their work, and several project ideas that you could run with them. In addition, they will demonstrate how easy it is to submit for a Discovery CREST Award on behalf of your students and celebrate with them their achievement.

This event is for Teachers/Educators and Approved STEM Ambassadors, and the session will be followed by a Q&A. You can book a ticket on [Eventbrite](#).





Africa's Gift: Shoes for Africa, money for you!

Solve the perennial headache of non-uniform days, raise funds for your school and help support a charity by holding a Happy Feet Day at school!

The idea is that students attend school in their choice of footwear, whilst handing over a pair of unwanted shoes that can be used again in rural Africa. Africa's Gift pay **40p per kilogram** for reusable shoes, and then transport them to Africa, where they are introduced into the communities sensitively, with a focus on empowering community members.

The next collection date in Leicester is Thursday 28 October 2021. Shoe collecting can be part of your recycling work in school and doesn't have to link to a non-uniform day. At the moment, collections can be made with no contact. **Please look at the attached flyer for more details and contacts!**



Learning through Landscapes TeachMeet event

Outdoor learning charity Learning through Landscapes have planned a virtual TeachMeet event around secondary school outdoor learning. The free event, taking place **Wednesday 6 October at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**, will allow you to:

- hear from teachers and schools who are delivering innovative, high quality outdoor learning.
- have the opportunity to ask questions, and share challenges, opportunities and ideas for outdoor learning in secondary schools.

Each presenter has 5 minutes and we will have 8 presenters plus discussion time. Presenters will be teachers and practitioners sharing their work, ideas or challenges. Please visit [the official event page](#) for more information and to sign up to attend or present, or email Matt Robinson at mrobinson@ltl.org.uk if you have any questions.

Apply now for a free orchard and hedgerow pack

Apply for a free pack of fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard or fruiting hedgerow for your school now! The Tree Council is giving away free orchard tree and hedgerow packs to inspire teachers and pupils around the country to get outdoors connect, learn, plant and care for trees.



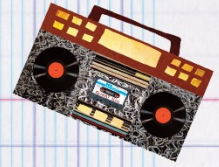
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Applications will close on Friday 12 November (12 noon) 2021 (or sooner if stocks run out).
Please note this programme is only open to new schools who have not previously applied to Orchards for Schools.

BUG party!

"The Fast and The Curious" book launch

Saturday 23 October
12.00pm - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 3.00pm
at Central Library, Bishop Street LE1 6AA



Suitable for children ages 5 - 11

Meet the children's book author Jayne Williams and
illustrator Keith Turner and find out more about G-nat that
lives to the max and loves performing on novel books at Libraries.

Come and make rhythms with Beespoke Beatboxer Mr Shay!
Beat-box, live loops and the sounds of buzz!

Booking information:

Get your ticket now! £7.50 per child, parents come free.

Each child will receive the BUG book for free! Limited places book now!



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Books and merchandise will be on sale. (cash only)

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